

Data table for Figure 14. Prescription drug use in the past 30 days, by number of drugs taken and age: United States, 1999–2000 through 2015–2016

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Prescription drug use in the past 30 days, by number of drugs taken: 1999–2000 through 2015–2016

Number of prescription drugs in the past 30 days	1999–2000	2001–2002	2003–2004	2005–2006	2007–2008	2009–2010	2011–2012	2013–2014	2015–2016
All ages, crude					Percent				
No drugs	57.2	54.6	52.4	53.0	51.2	51.9	50.7	51.4	51.9
1–4 drugs	36.8	37.6	37.4	36.8	37.9	37.8	38.2	35.9	35.6
5 or more drugs	6.1	7.9	10.1	10.2	10.9	10.3	11.1	12.6	12.5
All ages, age adjusted ¹									
No drugs	56.0	53.9	52.7	53.6	52.1	53.0	52.4	53.7	54.7
1–4 drugs	37.5	37.9	37.3	36.5	37.4	37.3	37.2	34.8	34.4
5 or more drugs	6.5	8.3	10.0	9.9	10.5	9.8	10.4	11.5	11.0
All ages, crude					Standard error				
No drugs	1.1	1.9	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.5	1.4	0.8	1.0
1–4 drugs	1.0	1.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.0
5 or more drugs	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6
All ages, age adjusted ¹									
No drugs	1.0	1.4	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.2	1.0	0.6	0.8
1–4 drugs	0.9	1.3	0.7	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
5 or more drugs	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5

Prescription drug use in the past 30 days, by age and number of drugs taken in the past 30 days: 2015–2016

Number of prescription drugs in the past 30 days	Under 18		18–44		45–64		65 and over	
	Percent	SE	Percent	SE	Percent	SE	Percent	SE
No drugs	79.0	1.0	64.7	1.5	32.6	1.8	12.5	1.2
At least one drug	21.0	1.0	35.3	1.5	67.4	1.8	87.5	1.2
1–4 drugs	20.3	0.9	31.4	1.3	48.3	2.7	47.7	2.3
5 or more drugs	0.7	0.3	3.9	0.4	19.1	1.4	39.8	2.0

¹Estimates are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard population using four age groups: under 18, 18–44, 45–64, and 65 and over. See [Appendix II](#), Age adjustment.

NOTES: SE is standard error. Data are for the civilian noninstitutionalized population. Prescription drug use in the past 30 days is respondent-reported. Prescriptions administered in other health care settings, such as physician offices and hospital outpatient departments, are not collected. See [Appendix II](#), Drug.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. See [Appendix I](#), National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES).